City of Aurora
Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2019
Location: Phillips Park Maintenance Garage – 903 Ray Moses Drive, 60505

Time: 1:05 pm

Roll Call:
Present: Gio Santana, Adrian Perez, Nick Day, Rachel White, Alex Voigt, Bill Donnell, Mollie Millen

Absent: Ed Sieben, Ian Wade, Tim Forbes, Lacy Neal

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

January 29, 2019 meeting minutes were approved

Public Comments:
- Mollie M. mentioned that some of the residents in her area are unaware that the tree board exists

Tree Planting Specifications:
- Discussed the best management practices developed by Dr. Gary Watson, ISA, and the Tree Care Industry Association as guidelines for Public Works Director follow up
- Discussed taking a small sampling of recently planted tree for mortality rate
- Discussed need to educate new aldermen on street tree planting
- Discussed providing new parkway tree planting data for City’s GIS system

Downtown Trees:
- City hall staff met with various groups to communicate that no trees will be replaced in older small sidewalk vaults
- Streetscape Committee is aware of tree planting strategies
- Downtown plan for public meeting at City Hall on 3/7/19, 4 – 6 pm with rendering of Broadway and Lot E preliminary makeover plans

2019 Arbor Day planning:
- Table for next meeting

Other Business:
- New (used) tub grinder in service. Mulch production demos are very encouraging. Free mulch is appreciated by residents.
- Issue with recently planted parkway trees that have become overgrown, conflicting with garbage and street sweepers’ branches are getting broken. Request to check ordinance for tree crown height clearance. Garbage trucks are 13.5 feet tall.

Adjournment at 1:47 p.m.